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RETROREFLECTIVE BRIGHT MOLDING

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Specification

1. Title of design

Retroreflective bright molding

2. Claim of the design

A retroreflective bright molding having a structure where a cubic structural surface is formed on synthetic resin molding, and a metal reflective layer is further formed on the surface of the aforementioned cubic structural surface.

3. Detailed description of the design

The present design pertains to a retroreflective structure made of a synthetic resin molding.

In the past, a retroreflective structure (reflected light returns to the incident light position) having a cubic structure on the back surface of a transparent acrylic resin, etc. and the change in refractive index at the resin-air interface is utilized to return the reflected light toward the incident light direction is used for safety signs and reflective sheets, but the above-mentioned moldings are made of hard resins and damage occurs as a result of impact, and, as a result, it has not been possible to use them on the exteriors of vehicles such as bumpers and side moldings.

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Also, a reflective resin molding having the molding surface deposited with an aluminum foil has been known, but a reflective resin molding has not been known.

The purpose of the present design is to provide a retroreflective bright molding that can be mounted on a curved member through application of reflective properties to a flexible synthetic resin moldings.

A summary of the present design is a retroreflective bright molding having a structure where a cubic surface structure is formed on a synthetic resin molding, and a metal reflective layer is formed on the surface of the aforementioned cubic surface structure.

A working example of the present design is explained with drawings below. Fig. 1 shows a cross-section of the molding, and cubic surface structure A is transferred to synthetic resin molding 1 made of a soft vinyl chloride, thermoplastic urethane, etc. extruded from an extruder using a transfer roll having a cube-corner structure, an optional base coating 2 is applied to the surface so as to increase leveling adhesion, metal reflective film 3 is formed on base coating 2 by means of deposition or sputtering; then, top coat 4 is applied to the surface of metal reflective film 3 as a protective film, and a retroreflective bright molding is produced.

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The aforementioned retroreflective bright molding is made of a flexible elastic material and is used on the surface of vehicles such as bumpers and side moldings as shown in Fig. 2. Furthermore, mounting is possible as a step mold, ramp mold, or luggage molding.

The retroreflective bright molding with structure as described above has a cubic structure on the resin molding surface and is made of a flexible resin; thus, damage does not occur as a result of external impact, and retroreflectivity is retained, and mounting can be done easily even on a curved surface such as the exterior of vehicles with double-coated tape, clips, bolts, and insertion means.

A working example of the retroreflective bright molding of the present design is shown below. In production of the aforementioned molding, extrusion molding of a thermoplastic polyurethane was done to form a molding, the cubic surface structure was transferred to the surface of the molding with a transfer roll having a cube corner structure, spray coating of the aforementioned surface was done with a two-component urethane paint at a ratio of

approximately $10 \,\mu$, forced heat drying was performed for 1.5 hours at 80°C, and then, sputtering of a nickel-chromium type alloy was applied to the aforementioned surface using a DC magnetron sputtering device to form a film thickness of approximately 250 angstroms.

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Furthermore, non-yellowing two-component urethane paint was applied to the surface as a protective film. The molding produced as described above exhibits superior performance as a retroreflective bright molding as shown by the test results in Table I below.

Table I

Test item	Conditions	Results
Metal film adhesion	Cross-cut adhesion test	No peels
Low-temp flexibility	-20°C,	No cracks
Hot water resistance	40°C x 400 h	Normal
Heat-resistance	80°C x 400 h	n
Moisture resistance	50°Cx95%RHx400h	**
Abrasion resistance	Taper, 1000 times	
Low-temp impact resistance	-20°C, 30 kgcm	**
Optical reflectivity	Light application, angle of incident 1/8 degrees	very good
Weather resistance	SWOM 400 h	Normal

In the working example above, formation of the cubic surface structure on the surface of the synthetic resin molding was done as extrusion occurred to form a molding and transfer roll having a cube-corner structure was used, but when a reverse cubic structure is formed on the die surface and injection molding is done, the cubic structure is transferred and the cubic structure can be formed on the surface of the synthetic resin molding as well. Furthermore, when a transparent synthetic resin is used for the molding main unit, the cubic structure may be provided

on the back surface of the molding main unit as well.

As explained in detail above, when a cubic structure is provided for the synthetic resin

molding, a highly flexible retroreflective bright molding can be produced, and mounting of the

molding can be easily achieved on a curved object, as well, and damage does not occur as a result

of external impact, and retroreflectivity is retained, and thus, a highly economical and safe

molding with a wide range of applications can be produced.

4. Brief description of the figures

The figures show working examples of the present design; Fig. 1 is a cross-section view

of the retroreflective bright molding, and Fig. 2 shows application of the molding to the exterior

of a vehicle.

Explanation of codes

1 ... Synthetic resin molding

2 ... Base coat

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3 ... Metal reflective layer

4 ... Top coat

5 ... Bumper molding

6 ... Side molding

A ... Cubic structured surface

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Fig. 1

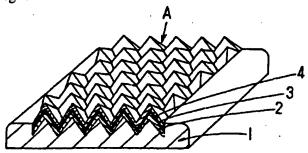
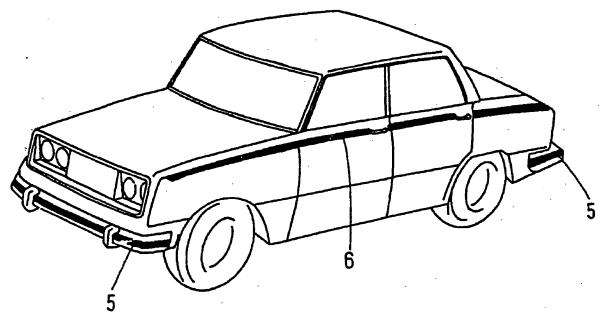


Fig. 2



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1. 考案の名称

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光再帰性光輝モール

2実用新案登録請求の範囲

合成樹脂製モールにキュービック構造面を形成し、該キュービック構造面の装面に金属反射膜層を形成した構成の光再帰性光輝モール。

ふ考案の詳細な説明

この考案は、合成樹脂モールの光再帰性構造体 に関する。

箱を溶着した単なる光輝性を有する樹脂モールは存在したが、光再帰性を有する樹脂モールは存在しなかつた。

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この考案は、柔軟性を有する合成樹脂モールに 光冉州性を付与することにより、曲面部に装着可 能な光冉帰性光輝モールの提供を目的とする。

この考案の要旨は、合成樹脂製モールにキュービック構造面を形成し、該キュービック構造面の 表面に金属反射誤層を形成したものである。

この光再帰性光輝モールは軟質弾性体を素材としていることから、例えば、第2図のように自動車のパンパーモールを又はサイドモ・ルるとして車体表面に取付けて使用される。また、ステップモール,ランプモール・ラッゲージモールとしても装着可能である。

以下にこの考案の光再帰性光輝性モールの一実施例を示す。このモールは、熱可塑性ポリウレタンをモール状に押出し成形しつつ、キューブコーナ構造を持つた転写ロールによりモール表面でキューピック構造面を転写し、この上に二枚型ウマタン塗料を10μ程度スプレー塗装し、80℃で

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1.5 時間短制加熱乾燥し、との表面にニッケル/クロングを出いて、約25000円では、約2500円である。 とり、2500円では、約250円では、約250円では、約250円では、約250円では、約250円では、第25

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試験項目	条件	結 果
金異膜付着性	ゴバン目テーピング	ハクリなし
低温屈曲性	-20°C, 0/5 ===	キレツなし
耐温水性	40°C×400 n	異常なし
耐熱性	80°C×400 h	"
前湿性	50°C×95%RH×400h	
耐壓耗性	テーパー 1000回	
低温衡擊性	— 20°C , 30 kg cm	W
光再短性	光照射,入射角1/8度	良好
耐候性	S W O M 400 h	異常なし

尚、上記の実施例において、合成樹脂モール表面のキュービック構造は、押出機によりモール状

この考案は以上説明したように、合成樹脂製モールにキューピック構造を成形することによりまた。 光再帰性を有し、柔軟性に富んだ光再帰性光輝モールが得られ、被着物が曲面でも容易に装着できた。 外部からの衡撃が加わった場合にも損傷することなく光再帰性は維持され、経済性,安全性が高く、使用範囲も広い等の効果を奏する。

4 凶面の簡単左説明

図はこの考案の実施例を示し、第/図は光再帰 佐光輝モールの断面図、第2図は自動車の外装品 としての使用態様図である。

/ … 合成値脂製モール、2…ペニスコート、3

…金属反射膜層、 4 …トップコート、 5 … バンパーモール、 6 … サイドモール、 A …キューピック構造面。

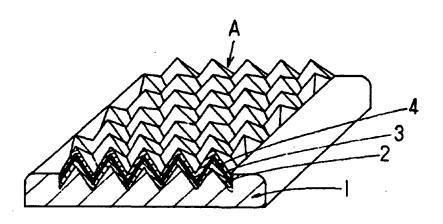
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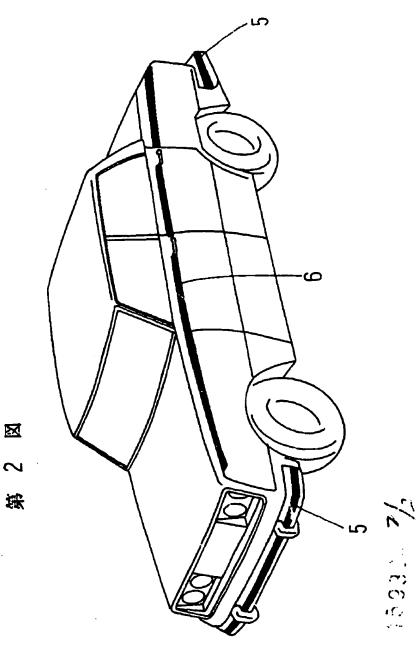
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